

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Koichi SATO Group Art Unit: 2622
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For : IMAGE READING DEVICE WITH THINNED PIXEL DATA

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of December 8, 2006 in which set a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on March 8, 2007, which has been extended to expire April 9, 2007 (April 8, 2007 being a Sunday) upon acceptance of the concurrently filed request for extension of time and the requisite fees, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the rejections.

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